

“Principles of spiritual success”  
John 3:1-21

Spiritual success is not: popularity, position, prestige, piety or possessions.

“He who loves money will never have enough. The foolishness of thinking wealth brings happiness.”  
Ecclesiastes 5:10

Principle: Spiritual success comes from having a personal and continual relationship with Jesus.

How can I have a personal and continual relationship with Jesus?

1. I seek out Jesus.

“Seek your happiness (success) in the Lord, and He will give you your heart’s desire.” Psalms 37:4

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and then all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

“O God, you are my God’ early will I seek you. My soul thirsts for you; my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.” Psalms 63:1

2. I listen to what Jesus has to say.

How should I listen?

- By having an open mind (A closed mind comes from pride, fear and bitterness).
- By taking time to listen
- By eliminating distractions
- By cooperating with what Jesus says

3. I don’t let the physical blind me to the spiritual

“Surely I was wicked from my mother’s womb. I was a sinner waiting for an opportunity.”  
Psalms 51:5

“We are dead in our trespasses and our sins.” Ephesians 2:5

4. I admit what I don’t know.

Principle: Admit what you don’t know and then God will lead you to what you need to know.

Principle: Jesus pays the penalty for our sins in order that we are forgiven of the sins that we have committed – and the sins that have been committed against us.

5. I understand how much God loves me.

“I pray that you will be able to feel and understand how long, how wide, how deep and how high His love really is and to experience this love for yourselves.” Ephesians 3:18

“If God be for us – who can be against us.” Romans 8:31

6. I must know God loves me because He forgives me when I ask Him.
7. I live in the light.

“For God so loved me, that He sent His only Son, that if I believed in Him I would not perish but have everlasting life.”